

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A pneumatic radial ply runflat tire having a carcass comprising:
an inner liner,
an inner carcass ply reinforced with substantially radially aligned metal wires and disposed axially outward of the inner liner,
an outer carcass ply disposed axially outward of the inner liner carcass ply, and
a wedge insert disposed circumferentially in a sidewall region of the tire between the inner carcass ply and the outer carcass ply, and
a first fabric layer comprising cords and disposed circumferentially in the sidewall region of the tire between the inner liner and the inner carcass ply, and
a second fabric layer comprising cords and disposed circumferentially in the sidewall region of the tire between the inner carcass ply and the wedge insert,
wherein the inner carcass ply is sandwiched between the first and second fabric layers.
14. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer are parallel-aligned.
15. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have both radially inwardmost and radially outwardmost portions disposed within the the sidewall region.
16. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer are oriented at angles of between 20 and 50 degrees with respect to a circumferential direction of the tire.
17. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer are oriented at angles of between 39 30 and 45 degrees with respect to a circumferential direction of the tire.
18. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have diameters of between 0.2 millimeters (mm) and 1.5 mm.
19. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have diameters of between 0.3 millimeters (mm) and 1.0 mm.
20. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have a cord density of 15 to 50 ends per inch (epi).
21. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have a cord density of 20 to 35 ends per inch (epi).

22. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the first fabric layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of nylon, polyester, aramid and rayon.
23. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the wedge insert has a radial reach within the sidewall of the tire, and
the first fabric layer has a radial width of between 20 percent and 80 percent of the reach of the wedge insert.
24. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the wedge insert has a radial reach within the sidewall of the tire, and
the first fabric layer has a radial width of between 40 percent and 60 percent of the reach of the wedge insert.
25. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the first fabric layer is centered substantially across a radially central area of the wedge insert.
26. (previously added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the first fabric layer is in direct contact with the inner carcass ply.
27. (cancelled) Tire, according to claim 13, further comprising:
~~a second fabric layer comprising cords and disposed circumferentially in the sidewall region of the tire between the inner carcass ply and the wedge insert.~~
28. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim ~~27~~ 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer are parallel-aligned,
the cords of the second fabric layer are parallel-aligned, and
the respective parallel-aligned cords of the first and second fabric layers are oriented at opposite angles of between 20 degrees and 50 degrees to each other in the circumferential direction.
29. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim ~~27~~ 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer are oriented at angles of between 20 and 50 degrees with respect to a circumferential direction of the tire, and
the cords of the second fabric layer are oriented at angles of between 20 and 50 degrees with respect to the circumferential direction of the tire.
30. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim 29, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have diameters of between 0.2 millimeters (mm) and 1.5 mm, and
the cords of the second fabric layer have diameters of between 0.2 millimeters (mm) and 1.5 mm.
31. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim ~~27~~ 13, wherein:
the cords of the first fabric layer have a cord density of 15 to 50 ends per inch (epi), and

the cords of the second fabric layer have a cord density of 15 to 50 ends per inch (epi).

32. (currently amended) Tire, according to claim 27 13, wherein:
the wedge insert has a radial reach within the sidewall of the tire,
the first fabric layer has a radial width of between 20 percent and 80 percent of the reach of
the wedge insert, and
the second fabric layer has a radial width of between 20 percent and 80 percent of the reach
of the wedge insert.

33. (newly added) Tire, according to claim 13, wherein:
the cords of the second fabric layer are oriented at angles of between 30 and 45 degrees with
respect to a circumferential direction of the tire.